



Grandchildrens Day

Friday 14th January
2:00 - 3:30 Clinic
Twilight Golf After

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Cost
\$15

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We are just about at the end of a year that has not been a very good for the club, not only have we had the wettest year for 17 years which proved a challenge for our committee and ground staff to try to hold the course open for play we also had a growth period that almost saw the grass growing overnight. What a great job the ground staff have done and now we have a course that is equal to most on the peninsula. However we remain financially strong and able to take advantage of the good golfing weather in front of us.

Sad times have come to pass with the loss of 5 long term members to the club, **Ray Newberry, Doug Jobling, Beryl Gorton, Gary Adkin** and just a few weeks ago our Life Member **David Robinson**. However we must all keep focused on the future as those lost members would demand that we make sure the club they all loved continues to grow and develop.

I would like to thank the previous committees and Peter Angelico for his years of contribution. I am sure he will continue his efforts for the club, **John Cockfield** stood in as Vice President at a time that we had a vacancy, John served for 2 years and we should thank these guys for the efforts and directions they have taken the club.

This year we have a very new committee team however we have a very experienced group who have served this club and other organizations over many years. We have set some new directions and formed some sub groups to plan the directions we need to take on areas like Finance, Sales and Marketing, guest days, tournaments, web development, course improvement and Clubhouse

refurbishment.

We will not achieve this in 12 months however we will have confirmed directions and will have a number of the plans in operation.

We need people to get involved. If you have any time no matter how small, we just may be able to use you to achieve our needs. Talk to Jason or give me a call anytime if you think you can help. We will not waste each others time rather take what you can give and add it to others and we will make a difference

Good golfing and help us to help this great club continue to grow.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and may 2011 be a good year and kind to your handicap.

Geoff Wilkins
 President





FROM THE MANAGERS DESK

Happy New Year!

And finally some decent weather, and with it has come an influx of green fee players, new members and fabulous course conditions. Please be patient on the course at this time of year, we have a lot of public players around and a lot of the time their etiquette is not as good as it should be, however our staff do their best to control and educate them. Remember this green fee revenue is vital to the clubs income and these players are sometimes potential new members, also the disruption only lasts for a short period.

Our members have rallied to the call. It only took 10 days and the call for financial loans to members has been met, the Treasurer is currently sorting out the legal issues. However the commitment from those members has guaranteed the funds to enable the 6th fairway to be drained starting in February. Just to remind you that this fairway was the reason we were forced to close 5 holes last winter. It is vital that we do not let that happen again. Thanks for the commitment of those members.

The Peninsular Link Freeway development has been slowed considerably due to the wet winter and the Derill Rd bridge is well behind schedule. No news yet on what is happening with the Loders Rd works however we will keep you informed as soon as Abbi Group tell us what the time line is for the bridge and the effects on us.

The Fleetweld Devilbend Pro Am is coming up on Wednesday the 2nd of February, entries are available in the proshop, so get in fast because the fields fill up very quickly. Also the Friday night before the pro am is traditionally our Calcutta Auction and Sponsors Dinner, everyone is welcome and it is always a fun night with some great items up for auction.

Our Christmas Party and Presentation night was great fun with plenty of laughs and a good band. Next year we will be holding

more fun nights and would like to see a few more members support these events. When you see the social event information released, get a group together and come along for a great night out to support your club.

Lets all look forward to a great year and fingers crossed a little less rain.

Jason Glanz
General Manager

Gala Day 2011

The committee has approved a Gala Day on Monday the 14th March 2011 to be a day in the memory of those departed members and in particular Beryl Gorton, who was a foundation member that joined in 1973 and served the club for many years and was also active on the Ladies Committee. Gary Adkin who joined the club in 1976 – he served on committee for many years and worked around the course forever. David Robinson who joined in 1984 – he served committee for over 20 years, was award a Life Membership and was always working for and at the club. These people are just the best and we will remember them with a Gala day in their honour.

Now this is where everyone can help. Play on the day and bring a guest, even if they do not have a Golf handicap they will be more than welcome, start talking to any one you know who can support us on the day. We will be giving some of the funds raised to both the Lymphoma and Alfred Hospital Trauma unit, as well as providing funds to finish the paths and garden beds that both Gary and David were so involved in.

We need sponsors and 200 golfers on the day. It will be played on Monday the 14th of March which is the Labour Day public holiday, so make sure you get involved and support our Gala Day.

More information will be available later in January.

(Please note this day is incorrectly listed in your syllabus as Monday 7th March)



We Welcome Our New Members

Lennard Boyle
Tim Greensmith
Steven Cornthwaite
Luke Hodgson
Grant Barran
Leo Hakim
Ben Stafford
Paul Jacobsen
Barry Kitson
Eric Aspinall
Rick Eastwood
Mike Butterworth
Peter Wetzel
Willem Goeman
Robert Burford
Mark Burford



Congratulation to our 2010 Trophy Winners

MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Champion:	B Thomas
B Grade:	A Dingle
C Grade:	S Revere
Senior:	K Etherton
Junior:	S Westley
Mixed Foursomes:	K Etherton / L Gwyther
Mens Foursomes:	D Kellett / J McGennicken
Winter Shield:	P Gwyther
Open Tournament:	R Woodward
A.G. Thomas Trophy:	R Reeves
Vic Brazier Trophy:	S Westley
Jack Langman Trophy	K Wilson
Neville Harkin 4BBB:	J Cockfield / M Hallett
Summer Cup:	P Gwyther

MENS MEDAL OF MEDALLIST

Monthly Champion:	J McGennicken
Midweek Champion:	R Bouette
Event Title:	Name(s)

LADY CHAMPIONS

Club Champion:	C Scarff
B Grade:	W Whitson
C Grade:	S Dawson
Open Champion:	C Scarff
Ladies Foursomes Champions:	G Addicoat / C Scarff
Jean Hellyer:	J Lambert

Jean Fraser:	C Witton
Lady Medal of Medallists:	C Wagstaff



Seb Westley
Junior Champion & Vic Brazier



Steve Revere
Mens C Grade Champion



Peter Gwyther
Winter Shield & Summer Cup



Brent Thomas
Club Champion



Rob Reeves
AG Thomas Trophy



Geoff Wilkins
A Grade Nett Winner



Leanne Gwyther & Kevin Etherton
Mixed Foursomes Champions Brazier



Jeff McGennicken
Medal Of Medallists & Foursomes

FROM THE COURSE

Hello members and I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a safe new year's eve. As we go into 2011 I will be starting my 17th year a Superintendent at the club and look forward to delivering the best possible course I can for the members and their guests.

Looking back at 2010 we certainly faced some challenges on the course with the extremely wet winter. I've been keeping daily rainfall records since my commencement at the club on the 1st of January 1995 and 2010 has become our wettest year in that time with 1013.7mm recorded. The wettest years before this year were 1995 with 926mm and 1996 with 961mm.

I would like to personally thank all of my staff for their efforts bringing and keeping the course in the condition we now have it as it has been very difficult trying to catch up after such a long time not being able to even get machinery on the course at times.

Going forward plans are in place for drainage on the 6th hole following the pro-am and all going well more cart paths and sand in bunkers before next winter.

See you on the course

Trevor U'Ren

Course News

Sprinklers uncovered. After such a wet winter we have been lucky to receive the services of one of our Life Members **Les Gorton** to find and clear around every sprinkler on every fairway. Our late member **Gary Adkin** worked on this project for the last 4 years and now Les has taken it on, Les spends about 4 hrs a week clearing the grass around each sprinkler thus making sure that when we need to water the best results are obtained and members without a Sureshot can find them. Well done Les and keep on digging.

Trevor Bishop has taken on the task to monitor and organise any work that is needed to maintain the Clubhouse and grounds around the clubhouse. If any of you can help IE are you a tradesman and can help at some time give Trevor a call and place yourself on the list of willing helpers, then Trevor can call on your skills when needed to maintain the clubhouse.



Les Gorton



Les was born on the 17th of October 1935 in Cessnock NSW and then grew up in Wollongong and the Illawarra district.

Les married Beryl on the 2nd of March in 1957, and they had four sons, Terry, Ian, Peter and Phillip. Les now has 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. A Fitter and Turner by trade Les worked at Lysaghts in Port Kembla, but in 1971 Les and Beryl moved the 4 sons the cat & dog in the Valiant to Frankston.

From this time on he worked at Lysaghts in Hastings and was in charge of the Safety Department during the construction, commissioning and operation of the cold strip plant, later changing to the hot strip mill.

Les joined The Devilbend Golf Club in 1973 as a founding member and was awarded life membership in 2006. Not a golfer before 1973, cricket, soccer, or squash was more his style and he excelled at all three being a district representative in both cricket and soccer. Les has always been willing to lend a hand, get in and do what needs to be done, which is the embodiment of the spirit of the Devilbend Golf Club.

Quick Questions

Current Handicap: 21

Lowest Handicap: 12

Approximate games played at Devilbend: 3640 We are pretty sure that Les has played the most rounds of golf at Devilbend.

Clubs Used: Tommy Armour Tour Classic

Best Memory: being part of the group of people that helped build the club.

Worst Memory: losing a lot of team mates and friends over the years.

Have you been on Committee? Yes

Number of Years: 25

Position held: Secretary / Vice President / President / General Committee

Trophies won/Playing Highlights: Vic Brazier twice and B Grade Champion once.

Favourite Meal: Vanessa's Parma

Favourite Movie: Ghost

Where do you see the club in 10 years? I would like to see the extra 9 holes started and some already in play.

LADIES NOT SO SECRET BUSINESS

Since taking office in October, it has been a very busy time for the new Ladies Committee.

We held the Challenge Bowl on Oct 8th, which was won by Warragul, in rather damp conditions, and then hosted the MPDWG Hiscock Salver the next week, in even worse conditions.

We also held our Captains Trophy, won by **Mary Wade**, the Open Tournament, and the November medal and Medal of Medallist, both won by **Chris Wagstaff**.

Ten of our Ladies ventured down to Wonthaggi for a few days of fun, with a bit of golf as well, and we held our Annual Social day at Bembridge, where **Audrey Shepherd** took out the late Robyn Pinder sponsored "60 point Challenge Trophy" with a score of 45 points. Unfortunately no one has ever come near to Robyn's 60 points.

Of course, the main event for the year was the Ladies championships, which were won by **Carol Scarff** (Open), **Wendy Whitson** (B), **Sue Dawson** (C) and **Jenny Mitchell** taking out the Overall Nett.

On Tuesday 14th Dec, we held our Ladies Presentation Night, which was a great night of fun and friendship. All the ladies dressed in Pink for the occasion, and we were "entertained" by some very funny performances.

Thanks must go to all of the ladies involved in putting on the night.

Finally we would like to Wish all of our fellow club members a Very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New year, and lets hope for good weather and good golfing in 2011.

Lesley and Di

Old Honour Board Auction

The old honour boards are starting to gather dust and it is time for them to find a new home. The boards will be put out on display in the clubhouse for the week starting 15th January 2011 and final bids can be placed late in the afternoon on Sunday the 23rd, sometime between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. If your name is on one of the boards and you would like to keep it for memorabilia then this is your chance. The larger boards can be cut into sections if required, and any bid will be accepted no matter how large or small.





FROM THE CAPTAIN

Welcome to 2011 and I hope all members are well and looking forward to another great year of golf at Devilbend.

Climate wise, 2010 presented many challenges, being the wettest year the course has suffered for many, many years. I wish to thank members for their patience during the year as the Match Committee was forced to reschedule so many events due to the weather. Eventually we managed to complete all our major events for the year. Also, thanks to Trevor and his ground staff for their course preparation during the wet period.

Several times during the year we were forced to sound the siren and suspend play. This created confusion with some members who believed that the siren meant the cancellation of play. For the members that are unsure, the procedure to be followed when the siren sounds is:

- If safe to do so you may complete the hole you are playing and then cease play until further instruction, or
- If weather conditions are deemed to be unsuitable to play out the hole, mark your ball in its current position (or leave the ball in position as is) and shelter from the weather.
- Match Committee, or the person responsible for the competition will monitor the weather and make an assessment on when (or if) play can be resumed.
- If it is decided that the course is suitable for play to be resumed, you should then return to where your ball was before play was suspended and continue with your round.
- If it is decided that it is not reasonable for play to be resumed, then the event will be cancelled and we can all go home.

Progressing slowly is the introduction of the Slope Handicapping System in Australia. Back in October we started to implement the second raft of changes just as these changes were rescinded by Golf Australia due to strong opposition by many clubs. At present it appears that no further alterations to the handicap system will be made until mid 2011. Golf Australia has recently issued a Memo confirming the following proposals in the second raft of changes will no longer apply:

- The mandatory use of all social scores for handicap purposes.
- The use of the 'most likely score' concept to handicap four-ball and other team events.
- The use of match play scores for handicap purposes.
- The use of a score for handicap purposes returned by a person playing alone.

A further sign of progress is that Devilbend was rated using the new rating system on 17 December. Details of our new rating should be available early on 2011.

Members will have noticed a screen has been erected on the 8th tee to help protect players from stray balls coming from the 7th fairway. I have been asked by several members what the ruling is regarding relief from this screen. The screen is classed as an immovable obstruction and relief may be obtained from this structure in accordance with Rule 24-2 (page 96 of your rule book). In summary you may obtain relief from the screen to allow a full swing, but not relief for clear line of sight to the green.

A reminder to members with regard to marking the position of the nearest the pin marker on the green, please do not scratch up the green to indicate the position of the marker. When members need to move the marker in order to putt, they should just use a ball marker (or similar) to indicate the marker's position. Remember if you scratch the surface, following golfers may have to put over this section of green damaged when the surface was scratched.

In the next few weeks the first of our major events for the year will commence:

Saturday 22 January – Garfield Golf Club visits.

Sunday 30 January – Junior Pennant commences.

Saturday 5 February – Qualifying round for the Summer Cup.

In addition entries for the Jack Langman Trophy will open in January with a maximum 64 entries for the handicap match play competition.

Wishing all members good golfing for 2011

Kevin Stokes
Club Captain



Will be Sadly Missed

Since our last newsletter we have had pass Beryl Gorton, Doug Jobling, and David Robinson.

With Condolences to Their Families.



FROM THE PROSHOP

Tip of the Week

Topped drives are usually the result of losing your spine angle during the swing.

Establish an athletic posture at address and maintain this position throughout the swing.

Make practice backswings focusing on turning around your spine.

An exciting time ahead for the Devilbend golf club, with the arrival of summer we are starting to see some new faces around the club. With a great 15 months for the price of 12 offer available for new members means it's the perfect time for your friends to join. If you know of any one who is interested in joining a golf club let them know about this great deal and hopefully they'll be a part of this great club soon. Everyone be sure to mark the 2nd of February down in your Calendar, the day of our annual proam, it's always a fun day where you get to see how the pros do it. There's always a lot going on down at the club at this time of year so keep your eye out for upcoming events.

Junior Clinics

On Thursday the 13th & Friday the 14th of January Craig McIntosh will be conducting two junior clinics from 2:00 – 3:30, the cost of the clinics is \$15 per day or \$25 for both days. The juniors will learn all the necessary skills from irons, driving, pitching, bunker play to putting. It's a great way for the juniors to learn how to play golf, have fun and win prizes. Friday the 14th is Grandchildrens day where the juniors can play in our twilight competition with their grandparents following the clinic.

Twilight Golf

Numbers for Friday nights have been lower than usual, we have not had the greatest run with the weather either. Hopefully January, February and March will bring us some nice balmy nights to come down and play in the twilight competition and then have a meal in the clubhouse. In the coming months we will have a few wine tasting nights, we will have our Annual

Calcutta Auction and Sponsors Dinner for the Pro Am on Friday 28th January which is always fun to attend with some great items up for auction. Grandparents day/ night on Friday the 14th of January, with Vanessa doing kids meals so the whole family can come down.

Lesson Availability

Both Craig and myself are available and offering golf lessons in a range of packages

Jason: Tuesday – PM, Wednesday – AM, Thursday – PM, Saturday – AM

Craig: Sunday – AM/PM, Thursday – PM

Lesson packages can be catered to your needs, if you are having trouble with you short game, putting, driving or irons we can put together a series of lessons to straighten out that particular aspect of your game. Make an enquiry in the pro shop if this sounds like something that will help improve your golf.

Buying Golf Equipment

Any purchase made in the pro shop has a direct benefit to the golf club as all profits are directed straight back to either improvements to the clubhouse or course. So please consider our pro shop first before buying any golf equipment.

Good Golf
Jason, and the Proshop Staff

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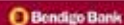
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FROM THE PROSHOP (CONTINUES)

New Arrivals

The new Titleist 910 Drivers have arrived in the golf shop. The Titleist 910 Drivers deliver total performance with improvements in flight, fit, looks, feel and sound. The 460cc Titleist 910D2 driver delivers longer distance through a technologically advanced head design with a responsive, fast face insert. The patented, innovative, SureFit Tour, dualangle hosel provides precise, independent loft and lie adjustments to fine tune ball flight for more accuracy and control. High performance weighting increases stability and creates a low and deep CG for medium/high launch with medium/low spin. We currently have two demo drivers in the golf shop for members to try out, you will not be disappointed.

The current RRP is \$539 but we are selling them for only **\$479**



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Footjoy Dryjoy Tour

We have a limited number of Footjoy Dryjoy Tour golf shoes in the golf shop for the unbelievable price of **\$140** Reduced from \$229. **Be quick to snap up this bargain because these shoes will sell fast.**



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We also have a limited number of Footjoy Sport golf shoes for sale, these are a premium Footjoy shoe with a retail value of \$199, we have them reduced to **\$120**



OUR VETERANS

Well I guess that was 2010, a year of torrential rains and course closures, a year when we lost some good friends (Ray, Gary, Doug, Robbo and Beryl), a year when we gained some new members and lost some old.

The election went well and we have money in the bank. Then John put his hand up for Pres again, and even though he is not well at this time, Alan Shaw is staying on. Eddie, Rod, Michael, Kev and new face Ian Oliver for the Committee 2011.

Don't forget the new season for 2011 commences on 10th of January, and your new syllabus is available to you in the Pro Shop. If you wish a second copy, it will cost you \$10 to pay for the extra print job.

Don't forget also that all cards must be handed in if you swipe for a competition under the new AGU requirements for the new handicapping system.

If you wish to see weekly results, as well as on the board in the Pro Shop, they are on the web site by Wednesday of the week.

For those members who we don't see very often, please avail yourselves of our clubhouse for a snack and drink before the presentations and meet and greet our committee members. They would love to see you all.

Anyone who has a suggestion for improving the Veteran Golf community of Devilbend, please feel free to have a chat to Trevor Bishop who is on the main Devilbend committee and is there to represent the veterans view about the daily running of the club.

Here is wishing you all a great 2011 and good golfing.

Trevor

